

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the residents of Alameda come together to honor Dr. Alice Challen on the occasion of her 100th birthday; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Alice Challen was born July 25, 1911 in Buffalo, New York; and
- WHEREAS,** she knew from the age of 12 that she wanted to be in the health care field and was one of only seven women in the school of medicine at the University of Buffalo, New York; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Challen was a practicing physician in Alameda from 1944 until 1975 and delivered over 3,000 babies; and
- WHEREAS,** before modern diagnostic tests, Dr. Challen, would go over her patients from head to foot using her eyes and her hands. This holistic approach to medicine is evident in everything she does; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Challen was made Citizen of the Year in 1984 for her work in saving the Alameda High School and Kaufman Auditorium, and for her efforts in preventing the wanton destruction of Alameda's wonderful Victorian homes through the Passage of Measure A in 1973; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Challen is a charter member of the International Soroptomist Club, organized for the advancement of professional women; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Challen is a founding member of the Alameda Girls' Club, now known as Girls Inc. In 2004, she was proclaimed, "A Woman Who Dares," an inspiration to today's young women; and
- WHEREAS,** the Alameda Hospital Foundation awarded Dr. Challen the 2010 Kate Creedon Award for extraordinary contributions to Alameda Hospital and the community; and
- WHEREAS,** she is one of the founding members of the Alameda Museum when it was located in the basement of the Carnegie Library; and
- WHEREAS,** other organizations that she supports are the Humane Society, Meals on Wheels, the Alameda Welfare Council, Boys and Girls Club, and the Alameda Republican Women's Club; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Challen is been an inspiration to all residents of Alameda who care about the quality of life in Alameda, both its institutions and the people who live here.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Marie L. Gilmore, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby congratulate Dr. Challen for her contributions to the community and its residents in her unwavering effort to preserve the health of the residents, the history of the island, and the preservation of the Victorian buildings and Alameda High School.

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Mayor

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